UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ERNESTA VILLEGAS, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

-against-

LEX 1751 INC, doing business as A1
LAUNDROMAT; FORTUNE ONE, INC., doing
business as AAA LAUNDROMAT; NEKASA, INC.,
doing business as AAA LAUNDROMAT; AAA
LAUNDRY SERVICES, INC., doing business as
AAA LAUNDROMAT; KLEENER KING GROUP
INC., doing business as AAA LAUNDROMAT;
FAROOQ IMRAN; ABIDA IMRAN; and NEIL
KAPRE;

Defendants.

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19-CV-6782 (VEC)
ORDER

VALERIE CAPRONI, United States District Judge:

WHEREAS on February 7, 2020, the Court held a hearing on Defendants' failure to appear or otherwise defend against this action;

WHEREAS counsel for Plaintiff and counsel for all defendants, except Nekasa, Inc. and Abida Imran, appeared for the hearing;

WHEREAS for the reasons stated at the hearing, Plaintiff's submissions in support of her motion for default judgment are deficient, including as to the non-appearing defendants;

WHEREAS Plaintiff intends to move to amend her complaint; and

WHEREAS the parties are split on whether a referral to mediation or to the assigned Magistrate Judge would be more helpful to resolution of this case;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the certificates of default against all defendants except Nekasa, Inc. and Abida Imran are VACATED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, on or before February 14, 2020, the parties must file

a joint letter with the Court, indicating whether they would like a referral to mediation or to the

assigned magistrate judge for a settlement conference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff must file an amended complaint on or before

February 21, 2020, and Defendants must answer or otherwise respond to the amended

complaint in accordance with Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Because an

amended complaint is forthcoming, the counseled defendants need not respond to the current

complaint.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to the extent Plaintiff intends to continue seeking a

judgment against Nekasa, Inc. and Abida Imran, it must submit a revised motion for default on or

before March 13, 2020. Failure to seek a default judgment by the deadline will result in

immediate dismissal of those defendants from this case pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure.

SO ORDERED.

Date: February 7, 2020

New York, New York

United States District Judge

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